

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

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In 2005, the County of Los Angeles was among a broad coalition of petitioners who filed lawsuits challenging the CEQA approvals for the Los Angeles World Airport's (LAWA) Proposed Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) Master Plan and the associated Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (DEIS/DEIR). In 2006, pursuant to a Settlement Agreement, Los Angeles County and our co-petitioners dismissed all causes of action against the City of Los Angeles (City) and LAWA challenging the Master Plan approvals. The Settlement Agreement is intended to serve in lieu of a court determination, and the Court retains jurisdiction over enforcement of the obligations specified in the Settlement Agreement. The Settlement Agreement is the primary mechanism for the City and LAWA to substantively comply with and mitigate the long-standing concerns about the impacts of LAX operations on traffic, noise, human health risks and the quality of life in communities surrounding LAX, as well as the need to limit future growth at LAX through a broad regional effort to meet air transportation demand at other airports in the region. I am very concerned that agreements to substantively address these fundamental issues, which were paramount to achieving the Settlement Agreement in the first place, have not been met by the City and LAWA.

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The City has a legal responsibility under the Settlement Agreement to minimize environmental impacts of LAX operations which have been of long-standing concern. However, the City's latest plans to implement key components of the LAX Master Plan through the Specific Plan Amendment Study (SPAS) and Draft EIR do not provide detailed analyses that clearly demonstrate to the petitioners that the proposed project alternatives would adequately address the fundamental environmental issues and air transportation regionalization promises that underlie LAWA's Specific Plan and Settlement obligations.

A prompt and thorough assessment of the City and LAWA's compliance with the Settlement Agreement is needed.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Direct County Counsel to review the Settlement Agreement and related documents, and provide a report back to the Board within 30 days with an assessment and determination on whether LAWA and the City are in compliance with the Settlement Agreement; and
2. Direct the Chief Executive Office to take follow up actions and to provide detailed recommendations, which are necessary and appropriate, given the City's expedited review schedule, to communicate to the City and LAWA, and the County's Airport Land Use Commission, that Los Angeles County, in no uncertain terms, intends to enforce compliance with the Settlement Agreement, and instruct the CEO to provide a report back to the Board within 30 days.

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